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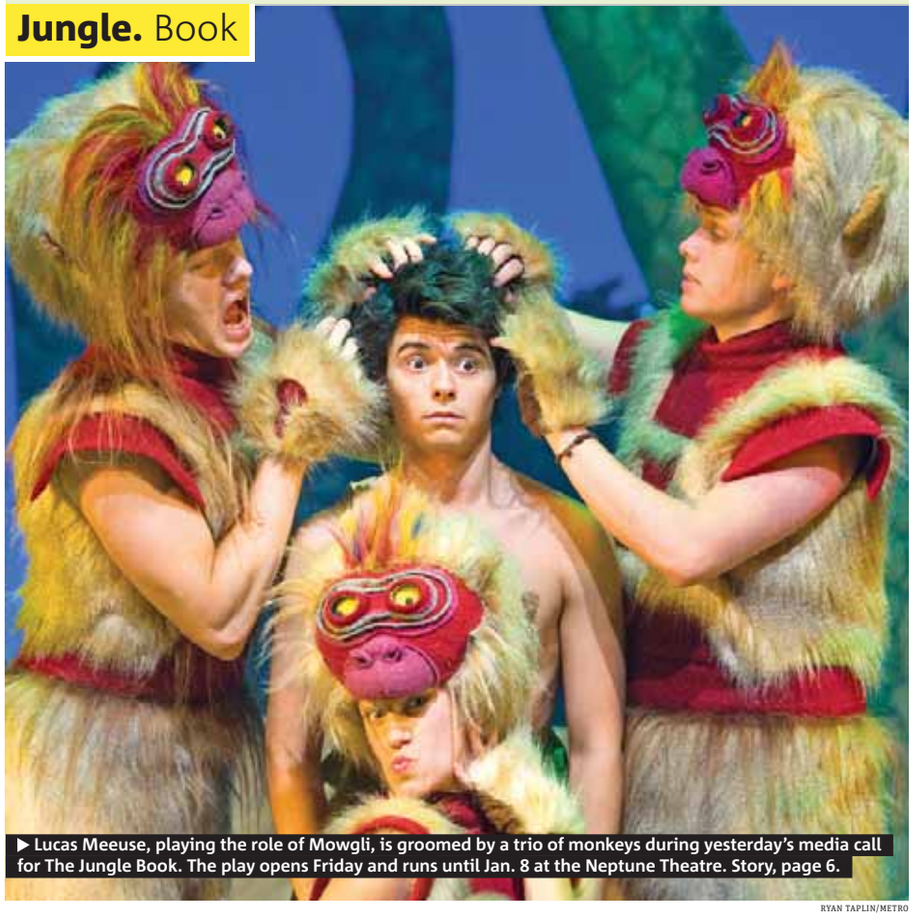
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Jungle. Book



▶ Lucas Meeuse, playing the role of Mowgli, is groomed by a trio of monkeys during yesterday's media call for The Jungle Book. The play opens Friday and runs until Jan. 8 at the Neptune Theatre. Story, page 6.

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Neptune Theatre going wild

Teenagers face charges in homicide

One of the accused, a 17-year-old male, has never been in trouble with the law before

Police say a Spryfield senior murdered over the weekend was randomly shot and killed, with three teens now facing charges.

The murder is the 15th homicide in HRM this year, but the first where police believe the parties were not known to one another.

"It's upsetting that it had to happen, but we are happy that we have the (alleged) people responsible off the street," said Const. Brian Palmeter, spokesman with Halifax Regional Police.

Police are offering few details about what took place, but say the victim — 70-year-old Glenn Francis Oakley — died of a gunshot wound while walking near his home on Drysdale Road in Spryfield on Saturday night.

They also say the firearm believed to be used in the shooting was recovered yesterday during the search of a building on River Road, which is off Drysdale.

Two males, 17 and 18, are each charged with first-degree murder, robbery with a firearm, possession of stolen property, fraudulent use of a credit card and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

"The details of what took place will have to come out in court."
HRP CONST. BRIAN PALMETER

Another 18-year-old male is charged with accessory after the fact and possession of stolen property.

"We can't go into the specifics of what happened, but ... the charges laid in this incident were the correct ones," Palmeter said.

The 17-year-old, who can't be identified because of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, was arrested on Sunday and appeared in Halifax youth court yesterday.

He has been remanded to the Waterville youth correctional facility until Dec. 16, when a bail hearing will take place. The other teens charged will make their first court appearances today. ● PHILIP CROUCHER

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Bundle up for the first blast of winter

Snowfall warning has been issued for all of HRM Police advising motorists to give themselves lots of extra time for the drive home

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▶ Mohamed Al-Bazz puts winter tires on a car at Miller Tire on Barrington Street yesterday.

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Our first snowfall of the season promises a messy commute home for Haligonians today.

A low-pressure weather system is expected to dump 15 to 20 centimetres of snow on Halifax starting around noon.

Areas of HRM further inland, including Halifax Stanfield International Airport, could see up to 30 centimetres.

"In the city itself, it may go back and forth between rain and snow," Environment Canada meteorologist Tracey Talbot said.

She said that's because a degree or two of temperature change either way will make a big difference in whether it rains or snows.

The heaviest amount of snow and rain is forecast to come down in the early evening, when most people are driving home from work.

The wind is also expected to pick up with gusts of up to 60 kilometres an hour.

"This is standard for this time of year," Talbot said of the snowfall.

As word of the first big dump of the year made the rounds yesterday, many people began preparing for the unofficial start of winter.

For most, that meant getting winter tires put on vehicles.

"We had to stop taking cars at 8 a.m. and we opened at 7:30," said Liz Kilpatrick, manager of Miller Tire. "I have two extra people coming in Tuesday afternoon to try and help out."

Take it slow

- **The province's Emergency** Management Office issued a release yesterday advising people to prepare for today's storm.
- "The great November weather may have been deceptive," said Ross Landry, minister in charge of EMO. "We will get a taste of winter weather today, and I want to encourage Nova Scotians to be ready and to be cautious."

Careful where you park your car

Winter ban

- **This year's winter-parking** ban can be implemented any time between Dec. 15 and March 31, from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., to allow snowplows to clear the streets.

The winter-parking ban may not officially start until next month, but if your vehicle is on the road and it impedes snow removal during today's storm, it could cost you.

"With respect to ticketing, even though there is no winter ban at this time, any time that a vehicle is parked and obstructs snow removal, it can be ticketed and towed," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter cautioned yesterday.

"So certainly we remind anyone who is parking their vehicle to keep that in mind. People should take the appropriate precautions to avoid being ticketed or potentially towed."

Cars that impede snow and ice removal could be issued a minimum ticket of $50, or could be billed the expense of being towed.

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Oval name shrouded in secrecy

Halifax regional council spent more than four hours in a secret meeting yesterday debating which corporate bidder should win naming rights to the oval.

After the meeting broke, no one could say much about the deal since it hasn't been officially signed and there has been no indication who the winner is or how much naming rights are worth.

"The announcement will be made at the opening of the oval, which will be in December, and that's the terms we agreed to," Mayor Peter Kelly told reporters last night.

There are still some elements of the contract that need to be worked out, but Kelly did say the highest bidder won. He wouldn't say how many bidders there were.

"Until the contracts are signed off, it is an incomplete process," he said.

At yesterday's council meeting, Coun. Jim Smith asked for a staff report examining the idea of naming other components or outbuildings at the oval to be named for community sport legends. One name at the top of the list is ice dancer Rob McCall.

"Rob McCall was a seven-time skating champion, and Olympian who passed away in 1991," Smith said. "He was born right here in the metro area and there's some movement to name the oval after him or parts of the oval after him."

Smith and Kelly said the corporation that wins the naming rights might also incorporate McCall's name into the name of the oval.

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▶ Mayor Peter Kelly

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‘Let them do the job,’ councillor retorts

- Occupiers’ issues are under provincial jurisdiction anyway: Councillor
- Council’s handling of Occupy eviction criticized by MLA this week



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▶ Halifax-Chebucto MLA Howard Epstein, right, chats with fellow MLA Maurice Smith during question period at Province House yesterday.

MLA Howard Epstein’s comments calling HRM councillors “sneaks” did not go over well at Halifax regional council last night.

Epstein put forward a resolution at the legislature on Monday expressing regret over the city’s breakdown in negotiations and the resulting eviction of Occupy protestors from Grand Parade on Remembrance Day. Epstein later told reporters “council were a bunch of sneaks.”

Coun. David Hendsbee tried to make his own resolution at the end of last night’s council meeting, but it was ruled out of order.

“Be it resolved that this municipal council encourage the House of Assembly to show some hospitality and extend an invitation to the Occupy Nova Scotia movement to take up shelter and assemble on their lawn around the statue of Joseph Howe, Nova Scotia’s own champion for our freedom of speech and freedom of the press,” Hendsbee said.

He added council should “note with regret” the province has not had any open dialogue with the protesters regarding their issues, which he said fall under provincial jurisdiction.

After the meeting adjourned, one councillor grumbled, “That’s not funny” as reporters filed out of the room, to which Hendsbee remarked loudly, “Let them do the job. They’re the sneaks, not us.”

“(The province) can deal with things as they deem appropriate and council deals with our issues as we deem appropriate.”
MAYOR PETER KELLY

In an interview, Coun. Sue Uteck expressed her frustration with this issue.

“Maybe (the province) would have handled it differently if they were down at the legislature, but (Epstein) doesn’t even have a seat at his own cabinet table,” she said.

But Uteck said Premier Darrell Dexter’s comments about negotiation and discussions always being the better way to go were “in line.”

“It’s always easy to criticize when you’re down the road,” she said.

Murder victim’s family makes plea

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▶ Leslie Ann Conrad

The family of a Nova Scotia woman who was murdered five years ago is making a plea to the public for information that could help to solve the case.

The body of Leslie Ann Conrad was found in November 2006 in a shallow grave about seven kilometres from her Wolfville-area home.

The 45-year-old mother of four children had been missing for about six weeks when a hunter discovered the body near a wooded road in Robinson Corner.

Her family issued a brief statement yesterday through the RCMP asking anyone with information that might be helpful to come forward.

“The loss of mother, daughter, sister, aunt and precious friend Leslie Ann (Barron) Conrad cannot be undone,” the statement read. “But we are here today hoping that someone has information which will lead to solving this case.”

Police also note the case is included in the Nova Scotia rewards for major unsolved crimes program.

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E-Pass approval shelved until spring

The E-Pass almost got a head start last night.

Halifax regional council has approved a motion to sign agreements with employers to offer year-long Metro Transit passes at a discounted rate, but council has not yet agreed to spend any money on the project. It is scheduled to be included in next year’s budget, and the program will begin when the budget is hammered out in the spring.

The Smart Trip E-Pass would cost participating employees $630, for a savings of $210. The employer would then make up the difference to HRM. The project will operate on a trial basis with 750 passes initially available.

One of the organizations extremely interested in the program is Dalhousie University.

In fact, the university recently sent council a letter asking for the project, which could cost the HRM about $75,000, at most, to start in January.

“Seventy-five thousand around here is a slight adjustment or a small mistake,” said Coun. Sue Uteck last night.

But staff explained the project needs to be included in next year’s budget, and the majority of councillors agreed.

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Province unveils workforce plan

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▶ Darrell Dexter

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The province revealed three general themes for its workforce strategy yesterday.

The strategy, promised in the oft-cited 2010 jobsHere strategy, will revolve around three key areas — increasing learning in the workplace, helping people connect with jobs, and growing the workforce.

Premier Darrell Dexter said the working-age population of the province will decline by 47,000 people over the next 10 years. The strategy is meant to address that troubling statistic.

“We have a declining workforce … (and) that means we have to do a number of things to bring people into the labour force,” said Dexter, noting funding for adult learning and re-skilling.

The plan includes no new funding, but divvies out money announced in the jobsHere plan.

For instance, $2.5 million will go to expand apprenticeship programs in the province, and $50,000 will be doled out to the Parents as Career Coaches program.

$4.9

An additional $4.9 million will go to the settlement of new immigrants, according to the new plan.

Darrow is new deputy minister

A longtime civil servant has been appointed as Nova Scotia’s top bureaucrat.

Premier Darrell Dexter says David Darrow will become his new deputy minister starting Dec. 1.

Darrow has worked for the provincial government since 1982.

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Homes left without water

Halifax water crews were repairing a main break yesterday at the intersection of Herring Cove Road and Maplewood Drive.

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Into the jungle

Play premieres Friday and runs till Jan. 8 Visit neptunetheatre.com for ticket information, showtimes

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Neptune Theatre's Fountain Hall has been transformed into a tropical forest just in time for the debut of The Jungle Book.

"It's like entering a different world, isn't it," said George Pothitos, Neptune's artistic director and the play's writer and director.

Pothitos adapted the original Jungle Book stories written by Rudyard Kipling for the stage to create a new twist on the classic book and movie.

"I wanted to capture the spirit of those stories but the fun of the Disney movie and create a hybrid and homage to both," he said.

Pothitos said that he wanted his play — the story of Mowgli, a boy who was raised by animals in the Indian jungle — to mirror real life. In the story, Mowgli doesn't always belong in the animal world and sometimes doesn't belong in the human world either.

"Those actors are fearless. Sometimes you tell somebody you're going to be a wolf and they'll roll their eyes. But they just threw themselves right into it."
GEORGE POTHITOS, WRITER AND DIRECTOR OF THE JUNGLE BOOK

"Then he comes to the conclusion you can live in both, and both have to live in harmony," Pothitos explained.

He said it was a challenge to create a magical jungle and make the characters come to life.

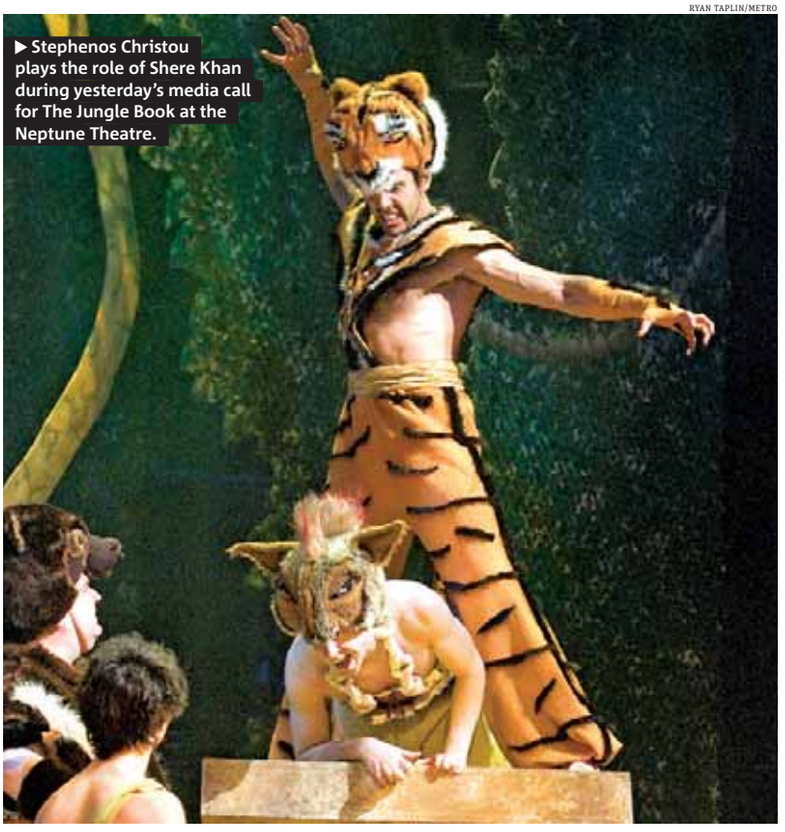
"We have actors playing animals, so we have to find that balance between a mascot and an animal that speaks," he said.

The set and all costumes have been made in Halifax for The Jungle Book, which is Neptune's holiday production for the 2011-12 season.

"Everyone's going to enjoy it, adults included, as much as it is a show for children," Pothitos said.

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▶ Stephenos Christou plays the role of Shere Khan during yesterday's media call for The Jungle Book at the Neptune Theatre.



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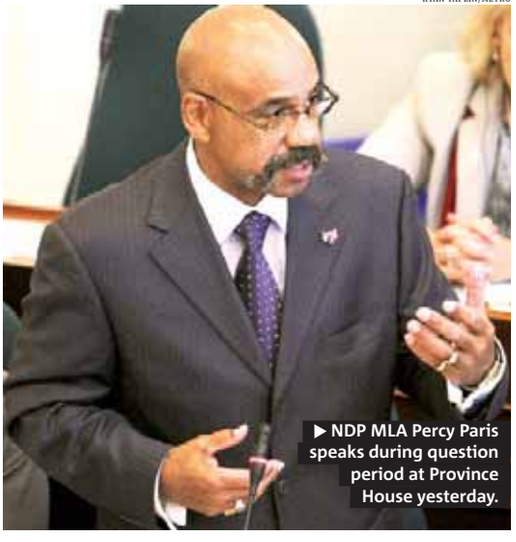
Paris deflects question on African Nova Scotian jobs

Liberals ask for measurable outcomes on aboriginal, African Nova Scotian employment



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▶ NDP MLA Percy Paris speaks during question period at Province House yesterday.

Economic Development Minister Percy Paris says he was "beyond frustrated" with questions from the opposition Liberals on African Nova Scotian unemployment yesterday.

Liberal MLA Keith Colwell — who represents the riding of Preston, a specially protected African Nova Scotian riding — noted during question period African Nova Scotian university graduates earn an average of $12,000 less per year than other people in the province.

Unemployment is also slightly higher in the predominantly black community compared with the rest of the province.

Colwell asked why Paris — who is also the African Nova Scotian affairs minister — had no employment targets for that community.

Paris agreed the community is underrepresented in the workplace — and said the fault rests with former Liberal and Conservative governments.

"When I hear that particular member ask those kinds of questions, I stand here in my place and wonder what he has been doing for the last number of years that he's been in government," Paris said.

Outside the legislative chambers, Paris compared setting targets for African Nova Scotian employment to affirmative action quotas.

"When affirmative action came in, we flawed … in setting targets," said Paris.

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▶ Keith Colwell

"And I'm not about to repeat that history."

Colwell said that wasn't the intention of his question, noting his party asked a series of questions on employment for several groups — African Nova Scotians, Acadians, aboriginals and women.

"We want to know what the government is going to do, (the targets) they've set. I want to see people in my community working," Colwell said.

Leaders mull position on MLA needs

The leaders of Nova Scotia's three political parties say they'll wait for the committee consulting on electoral boundaries to report before taking a position on the number of MLAs the province needs.

The politicians were reacting yesterday to a call from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation to reduce the number of provincial representatives in the 52-seat House of Assembly.

In a release, CTF Atlantic Director Kevin Lacey said it's "time to ask if we really need all these politicians" in light of recent cuts to health care and education.

He later told reporters there should be 19 fewer provincial politicians in Nova Scotia and four seats designated to represent minorities should be eliminated as part of an electoral boundary review.

The select committee of the province is currently holding consultations to set the parameters of the commission that will ultimately decide on changes to Nova Scotia's electoral boundaries. That commission will report to the legislature in late 2012.

Premier Darrell Dexter said reducing the number of seats could hurt representation in rural parts of the province.

"What it would do is severely hamper the representation of people in many communities right across the province," he said. "And I think it undervalues the work that the members in those ridings actually do.... They're the ones who bring to the house of assembly what they're hearing on the ground."

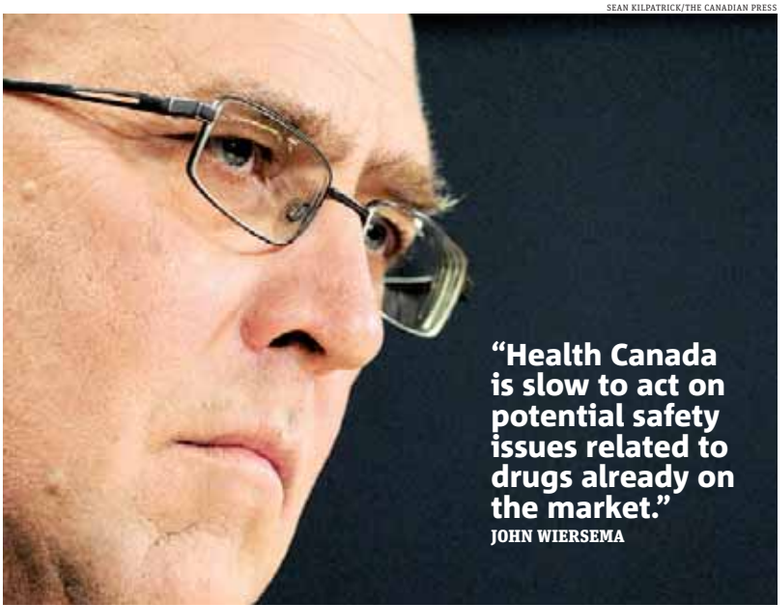
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Health Canada rapped over slow drug info

- Public should be told about risks sooner, says auditor general
- Tories warned: Don't let cost-cutting increase the dangers

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"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues related to drugs already on the market."
JOHN WIERSEMA

The public is waiting far too long to be warned of significant risks about the drugs they take, the federal auditor general said yesterday.

It's only the latest example of risk caused by rampant information mismanagement that is undercutting work in many federal departments, said interim auditor general John Wiersema.

He warned the government to make sure things don't get worse as it goes about a major cost-cutting exercise.

"We have found that poor information is a widespread, chronic problem in the federal government," Wiersema said in an overview of government operations.

"Managers are not systematically collecting and using the information they need to manage their programs, and they are not held accountable for this."

The audit of Health Canada found the department has an archaic system of monitoring that can take years to tell the public that some drugs already on the market come with significant risks.

In one case, a drug that was being prescribed for epilepsy, migraines, psychiatric conditions or weight loss was found to be linked to birth defects.

But it took six months for the brand-name drug to include a warning, and almost two years for generic producers to be told they had to change their labels and warnings.

In another case, the United States was already warning in 2006 that the long-term benefits of low-dose ASA could be eroded by taking ibuprofen.

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In 2010, MDs issued 505 million prescriptions. In 2008, there were 13,000 different kinds of prescription and non-prescription drugs sold in Canada.

But in Canada, a review took more than three years, and orders to change labelling are still not fully in place.

"Health Canada is slow to act on potential safety issues," Wiersema said.

The auditor general also raised concerns about Health Canada failing to say why it rejected certain drugs.

Since doctors can prescribe drugs for conditions that have not been authorized, they need to have this information to keep their patients safe.

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Submerged-car victims lived in fear, court told

Three girls allegedly killed by their family over honour complained to police, child protection officials and social workers just months before their deaths, a court has heard.

They said their father and brother assaulted them and their mother feared for their lives, the court in Kingston was told yesterday.

The eldest daughter, Zainab, 19, ran away to a women's shelter two months before the girls' bodies were found in a submerged car.

She told workers there that she was afraid of her father, the court heard.

"Be aware of my bro.... I (don't) want to give him the slightest idea that we (are) friends."
ALLEGEDLY PART OF AN EMAIL VICTIM WROTE TO HER BOYFRIEND

The girls' parents, Tooba Mohammad Yahya, 41, and Mohammad Shafia, 58, and their brother, Hamed Mohammad Shafia, 20, are accused of killing them as well as Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage.

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FORMAL GUIDELINES

Ottawa tunes in to tweets

The federal government has hit the Like button on social media.

It's unveiling guides for how departments should use sites like Twitter and Facebook.

"For many Canadians, Web 2.0 is increasingly becoming a primary channel for sending, receiving and generating information," say the guidelines. But they also note public servants need to be aware of the risks of operating in social media circles.

Treasury Board President Tony Clement, who is an avid user of social media, told public servants at a conference in Ottawa that online tools have an important role in government.

"They are the modern-day equivalents of 'town halls,'" he said, according to a prepared text of his remarks.

And Clement said in an interview yesterday the government needs to be active in the social media sphere but also needs guidance to get everyone there.

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Curiosity drives voyage to Mars

On Friday, NASA launches a pioneering rover into space High-tech lab will gather data on red planet

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This mission really is going to Mars. On Friday, NASA is sending an entire laboratory to the red planet. The lab, named Curiosity, will investigate rocks and soil and take pictures. It will also look for water and signs of life.

"Curiosity is like a robotic geologist," says Jordan Evans, deputy manager of the mission. "It's a lab that also brings its own tools. It has a scoop, a drill and a sieve so it can collect samples. Then it feeds the samples into the lab, which analyzes them."

Curiosity also has cameras that will record everything and a weather station that will measure everything from humidity to air pressure.

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NASA has sent rovers to Mars before, but Curiosity is the first to carry a lab. "It will document what Mars was like early on, which it will do by examining the layers of rock on a mountain," says Dr. Joy Crisp, deputy project scientist for NASA's Mars Science Laboratory project. "And it will examine what it's like today. We'll gain more knowledge about the conditions for future human habitation on Mars. For that reason, Curiosity is bringing a radiation monitor so we can make sure humans aren't harmed when they go to Mars."

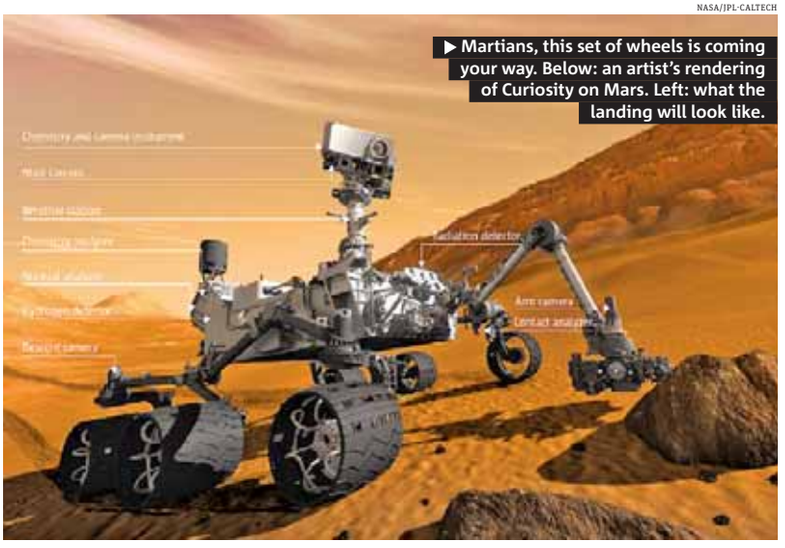
At NASA's Jet Propulsion Center in California, scientists will be monitoring Curiosity during its stay on the red planet. "Each day the NASA team will look at the results and decide what Curiosity should do the next day," Evans says.

After one Mars year — 98 weeks — Curiosity will permanently park itself on the planet. "Of course its immediate purpose is scientific discovery," Crisp says. "But by sending beautiful images from Mars we can encourage people to go into science. That's a very important purpose, too, because science and technology are crucial to our future prosperity."

How they built it

Since it carries a large lab, Curiosity is much bigger than previous Mars rovers. "Because of its size, it requires a larger rocket," says deputy mission manager Jordan Evans. "But it couldn't be too big, since we had to fly it to Florida in an airplane. In the end, we had five centimetres to spare in the plane." Evans' team also had to invent larger landing pads. And since Curiosity will be alone in space, everything has been simulated in advance. "To measure the impact of the landing, we simulated it by hanging Curiosity from a crane," Evans says. ELISABETH BRAW

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▶ Martians, this set of wheels is coming your way. Below: an artist's rendering of Curiosity on Mars. Left: what the landing will look like.

60 seconds



▶ Chris Welch

Dr. Chris Welch is programs director of the International Space University.

What's the real purpose of the Mars science lab?
The science lab won't specifically look for life on Mars, but will be exploring a part of the planet where there was water in the past. Its investigations will help us understand whether there has ever been life on Mars. These findings will influence future Mars missions.

The space shuttle has just been retired. Does this Mars mission present a new direction for space travel?
No. There have been Mars missions for many years, but initially they were very small. The first rovers were no bigger than a fridge, while Curiosity is a large laboratory.

Are scientists really interested in exploring life in space, or are they doing it because the public is curious?
The question whether there is life somewhere else is a fundamental one in the space community. Mars is the most likely planet to host life, so that's why Mars missions are so important.
ELISABETH BRAW



Occupy Canada changes shape

Camps in many cities dismantled, handed eviction notices Activists plan next move, some want to stay

The face of the Occupy Canada movement was changing as authorities moved into camps in Victoria, Quebec City and Calgary, and groups in Toronto and Ottawa waited to see if police would enforce eviction deadlines.

The Occupy Toronto site showed clear signs of a protest on the wane early yesterday, with several tents already taken down and demonstrators with garbage bags cleaning up.

"There's a lot of mess here, obviously, after five weeks, so we're starting to tidy up — try to make it look presentable before we leave entirely," said Brent Hendren, 24, of London, Ont.

In Montreal, protesters

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▶ Police officers walk through the Occupy Toronto camp yesterday in St. James Park in Toronto.

expressed a resolve to stay in place despite a request from the city's mayor for them to vacate.

In Quebec City, police mounted an operation at dawn to begin removing Occupy protesters. They reportedly offered no resistance when police moved in.

And police in Victoria, B.C., arrested one person as they ousted the remaining participants of the Occupy Victoria movement.

The removal began before dawn, one day after lawyers for the City of Victoria appeared in B.C. Supreme Court, winning an enforcement order that gave police the power to remove campers and their belongings.

Occupy Vancouver activists were ousted for a second time yesterday in a court ruling that left them considering where to move their roving protest next.

Parts of Calgary's Occupy camp were dismantled late Monday.

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Six plead guilty over last year's G20 riots

Six people accused of orchestrating last year's G20 riots pleaded guilty yesterday to counselling mischief, while another 11 saw their charges dropped.

Alex Hundert, Leah Henderson, Amanda Hiscocks, Peter Hopperton, Erik Lankin and Adam Lewis were initially charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence.

Hundert and Hiscocks also pleaded guilty to counselling to obstruct police.

The Crown has recommended sentences ranging from three to 16 months.

The group broke out in

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▶ A man is pulled from a crowd after police surrounded a large street demonstration and began making arrests on the closing day of the G20 Summit in Toronto, June 27, 2010.

cheers in court as the 17-month long legal battle came to an end yesterday morning. But in a statement released shortly afterward, they lashed out at a system they said has been used as a political tool.

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Shark fin ban in London

ANGELA MULLINS
IN LONDON, ONT.

One might say Jeremy Larivee accomplished something many city councillors can only dream of.

Less than a week after his entry into city politics, the 27-year-old Londoner chalked up a victory at city hall on Monday, winning unanimous support for a ban on shark-fin products.

It's all thanks to what Larivee, an electrician, considers a guiding principle.

Larivee and a small army of volunteers went on an out-and-out campaign.

That campaign included calling councillors and hand-delivering copies of the documentary Sharkwater to many of their homes.

November. Rain



▶ An umbrella-wielding pedestrian high-steps through a large puddle after heavy rain hit the area near Portland, Ore., yesterday.

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Pelted in Portland

November bared its weather teeth yesterday, as high winds brought down trees, shutting down at least one major Oregon highway – Oregon 18. Other roads were closed by flooding.

First F-35s unable to talk to troops, older planes

The first dozen or so F-35s slated to arrive in Canada won't be equipped with software that allows the stealth fighters to communicate with ground forces, a feature designed to prevent incidents of friendly fire.

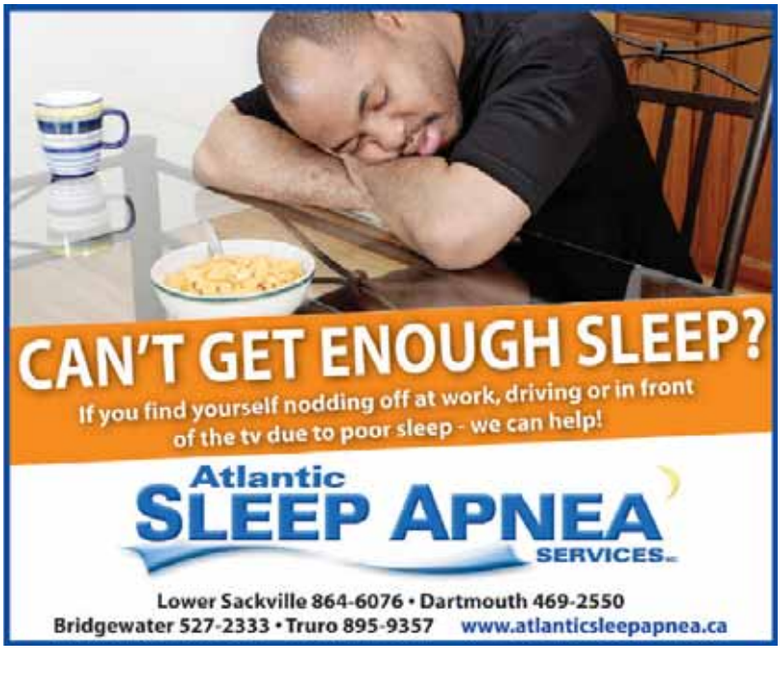
The initial operating system also won't be equipped with a program that helps the fighters communicate with older aircraft, such as the Air Force's Aurora surveillance planes.

The software isn't expected to be added until an upgrade program is introduced in 2019 — three years after the Royal Canadian Air Force begins taking delivery the advanced multi-role fighter.

The absence of both items in the initial operating system is alluded to in heavily censored access-to-information documents, obtained by The Canadian Press and referenced in military publications in the U.S.

The system that helps distinguish between friend and foe is known as a Blue Force Tracker, a GPS-enabled device, and its absence means the computers of the first F-35s will not be able to link with ground troops until software is updated.

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News in brief



Buttocks case pumped up

MIAMI. Several possible victims have come forward alleging a woman posing as a doctor and promising buttocks enhancement pumped their behinds with a toxic concoction of cement, superglue and flat-tire sealant, officials said yesterday.

Oneal Ron Morris, pictured left — who police say was born a man and identifies as a woman — has been charged with practising medicine without a licence.

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Who's stealing sex toys?

SAINT-PAUL, N.B. Police say more people are reporting thefts of underwear and sex toys. In one case, lingerie was taken from a clothesline.

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Bush joins cancer battle

DALLAS. Ex-President George W. Bush will travel to Africa next month to raise awareness about cervical and breast cancer.

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Shades of The Bachelor: Yes, women ARE catty

Trait not just a mainstay of TV's hit reality show

A University of Ottawa professor says the catty behaviour seen on the popular reality TV show The Bachelor is pretty close to … reality.

Most women use aggression against sexual rivals, Tracy Vaillancourt confirms.

Vaillancourt's research — published in the journal Aggressive Behavior — took a look at how females compete with one another for the attention of males.

Her study suggests The Bachelor provides insight into the tactics women use to compete.

And it shows how vying for the affections of an eligible man can bring out the worst in women.

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▶ Bachelor Jake Pavelka presents a ring to Vienna Giraldi on The Bachelor. Research suggests the show's catty behaviour is close to the truth.

Such tactics can include gossiping about a rival's level of promiscuity or disparaging her appearance, so as to reduce her "mate value."

Vaillancourt's study suggests this type of behaviour is not only a TV phenomenon — it's also a mainstream reality in schools and in workplaces.

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Catty camera

Researchers secretly videotaped women to capture levels of cattiness.

Results showed that almost all women were aggressive toward an attractive, sexy female.

When she left the room, they laughed at her, ridiculed her appearance or suggested she was sexually available.

But when the same woman was dressed conservatively, the group barely noticed her.

Another experiment showed a sexy colleague was seen as a sexual rival.

Results showed the women did not want to introduce her to their boyfriends.

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Homburg's losses are mounting up

- Expenses soared faster than its revenue grew
- Company operating under protection from creditors

Homburg Invest Inc. saw its loss balloon to $70 million in the third quarter as the troubled Halifax-based investment company's expenses soared faster than its revenue grew.

The loss amounted to $1.95 per share, bringing the total losses in the first nine months of 2011 to $4.25 per share or $114.7 million. Revenue for the three months ended Sept. 30 was $37.3 million, up from just under $30 million in the third quarter of 2010.

Homburg essentially broke even in the third quarter of 2010 with $61,000 of net income or two cents per share from continuing operations.

It had a loss of four cents per share after the impact of discontinued operations. Revenue for the nine months ended Sept. 30 was $106.4 million up from $107.4 million in the year-earlier period.

The company, which is in a dispute with founding shareholder Richard Homburg, is operating under court-protection from its creditors. Among the additional expenses recorded in the third quarter was $2.4 million related to filing under the Companies Creditors Arrangement Act.

General and administrative expenses also grew substantially, rising to $6.4 million from $2.9 million in the third quarter of 2010.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
+ 10.47 (11,795.19)	No change (96.36¢ US)
Oil	**Natural gas**
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	$1,702.40 US (+ $23.80)

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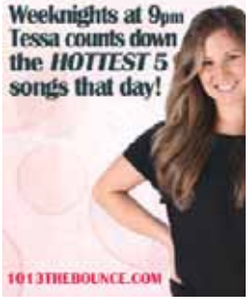


▶ Mary-Ellen Field, former business adviser to supermodel Elle Macpherson, leaves after she gave evidence to the Leveson Inquiry at The Royal Courts of Justice in London yesterday.

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Fired after the secrets were told

Supermodel Elle Macpherson fired her business adviser for leaking secrets when journalists were actually getting juicy details about the supermodel by hacking into her phone, the former aide told a British inquiry into media ethics.

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Top 5: November 22nd
5 Alexandra Stan - Mr. Saxobeat
4 Britney Spears - Criminal
3 Adele - Someone Like You
2 Katy Perry - The One That Got Away
1 LMFAO - Sexy And I Know It
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There was a time that if you wanted to stand naked on your patio, only the guy with the binoculars across the street would catch you in the act.

These days, thanks to Google Street View, everyone gets to look.

Just ask the woman in Miami who today finds that her naked foray onto her back stoop, captured by a passing Google Street View camera, yields more than two million results on the search engine of the same name.

Google Street View is supposed to be a helpful way for you to see your destination as it really looks, as opposed to a pointy B pin on a map. It is not supposed to offer a panorama of human folly, such as the casually careless naked lady, or the equally naked guy in Germany climbing out of the trunk of his car, or the guy walking his snake down the street, or various Brits mooning the passing camera, or the two Norwegian scuba divers running down the street on flippers, complete with tridents. (Why *did* the scuba divers cross the road?)

As the Street View cameras capture every square millimetre of the planet and resolution improves, it's only going to get worse. Or better, if you like to watch.

"It's not just that Big Brother is watching ... It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well"

Google is self-correcting, and as soon as it learned about its naked-lady problem, it turned her into a pixelated blur, but only after the photos of the poor women spread across the Internet like the bird flu.

What do we expect when we combine the Internet with the latest surveillance technology? Google Street View has the potential to turn us all into everyday fugitives from scrutiny, trapped in a high-res corner with nowhere to hide.

It's not just that Big Brother is watching, although you know he is. It's also that little sister and Cousin Bert and Uncle Ernie and all Rabbit's friends and relations are watching as well.

Of course, not everyone sees that as a bad thing, such as the guy who found Google Street View to be an ideal way to expose himself to anyone who happened upon his sad, little — with an emphasis on little — sector of the galaxy.

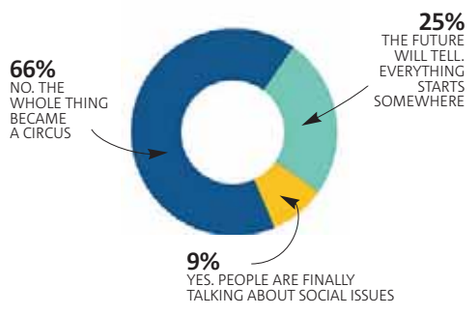
For the rest of us, it's bad enough we have to wear clean underwear every day in case we get hit by a bus and have to be undressed by medical personnel. Now we also have to make sure, no matter where we are, to remember to wear clothes and, while we're at it, keep the nose mining to a minimum.

And smile, dammit.

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Do you think the Occupy movement made an impact?



Local tweets

- **@archwaymark:** Sid. Your return made all of Halifax and canada proud. Loved seeing the 4 point could have been more performance.
- **@JillianBlackman:** Complaining about your place of employment and boss in a crowded Halifax Starbucks is probably not a good idea #justsayin
- **@annie_valentina:** morning run revelation: my #halifax north end neighbourhood #currentlysmellslike a meltdown at a nail polish remover factory.
- **@AmorPortuguesa:** Why do people walk on the street, beside a sidewalk ? #neverunderstandit
- **@6colorbracelet:** Oh boy, here we go. "Snowfall of up to 15 to 30 cm is forecast for Wednesday afternoon and evening." Get your mittens out Halifax.
- **@helenfong:** still riding the wave of pure bliss after Courtney's Yin #yoga class @HalifaxYoga. Mmmmmmmmmm... #Halifax :)
- **@jengrantcomedy:** I'm in Halifax at Yuk Yuks this weekend. Come out! It's a special weekend. Y? Maybe it's my birthday week. #itis

Worth Mentioning

DRIVING HIV TESTS HOME. At one office of the Department of Motor Vehicles in Washington, D.C., motorists can get a driver's licence, temporary road-tax stickers and something wholly unrelated to the road: A free HIV test.

In a city with one of the highest percentages of residents living with HIV or AIDS, health officials have now test-driven the in-DMV testing and are finding that it works. So far, more than 5,000 people have been screened and received results while they wait.

"You have to meet people where they are," explained Sheila Brockington, who oversees HIV testing at the DMV office.

Initially, some officials doubted many people would test. Now, however, between 25 and 35 people get tested every day at the DMV location. Anyone who agrees gets $7 off their bill.

By now, the people who run the program have their pitch down. When people are in line, one of the testers approaches with the offer: Free tests, money off your bill and the promise that it won't hurt.

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photo of the day



▶ This photo, titled Quebec, was submitted to the Photo of the Day category by OliaShu from Ontario.

The submission period for the Metro Global Photo Challenge — which ran in 100 cities on four continents — is now over and Metro needs your help choosing a winner. Visit metrophotochallenge.com to vote for your favourite photos. Metro will feature the winning entries once they have been chosen.

WEIRD NEWS

Art in the pigsty of the beholder

Live graffiti painting. A colossal rose bed soaring 20 feet high. Early photos of Andy Warhol, a Picasso up for auction and a naked woman living in a pigpen. They're all part of the lineup for Art Basel Miami Beach, which runs Dec. 1-4, with a host of related events beginning Nov. 30.

The pigpen installation will undoubtedly be the most jaw-dropping event at the art fair. Known for photographing herself nude in subway tunnels or in front of graffiti walls, performance artist Miru Kim will be living with pigs for her performance The Pig That Therefore I Am.

"The immediate connection between pigs and me will be felt through seeing the living bodies mingle through skin," Kim told The Associated Press. A glass barrier will act as "an insatiable gap between the spectacle and the onlooker, just like in a zoo."

The pigpen installation will be among the shows at the Primary Flight open air museum. "Some people are really going to love it. Some are going to be shocked. And a handful won't really get it," said Primary Flight founder Books Bischof.

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The orphan adoption

Martin Scorsese is the latest director to make a movie about a child with no parents
Richard Crouse takes a look at Hugo and why orphans tug on our heartstrings

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The new Martin Scorsese film is the director's first PG rated film in 18 years. Hugo is a handsome 3D kid's flick featuring adventure, a broken robot, a toy store owner and one of the mainstays of central casting — an orphan.

There are all kinds of on-screen orphans, some lovable — The Jungle Book's Mowgli, Harry Potter —some not — Hannibal Lecter, Darth Vader — but few have been as memorable as Oliver Twist.

The youngster first captured people's imaginations 173 years ago as the title character in Charles Dickens's second book and debuted on film in 1908.

Since then there have been at least eleven adaptations of the story of an urchin who famously asked his cruel workhouse foreman for more gruel with the words, "Please sir, I want some more."

The most famous version of the story has to be Oliver!, a splashy 1968 all-singing all-dancing edition, which film critic Pauline Kael said was one of the few film adaptations of a stage musical superior to the original stage show.

Oliver had it rough. Much rougher than Little Orphan Annie, the perky red-haired waif adopted by the über-wealthy Daddy Warbucks, but for the actress who played her in the 1982 movie Annie there were some unpleasant moments.

The curly red wig Aileen Quinn wore was so itchy that a specially designed comb had to be created to give her some relief, and in order to get Annie's dog Sandy to realistically kiss her the prop master rubbed Alpo all over her face.

Still, Quinn says, "I just remember having the best time."

Unlike our next orphans, Oliver and Annie were decidedly earthbound ragamuffins, but the movies have seen lots of alien children abandoned on our planet.

In Escape to Witch Mountain, Tony and Tia Malone's psychic abilities made them standouts at the orphanage and the moniker Clark Kent was the name his human adoptive parent's gave to Kal-El. You know him best as Superman.

Superman wasn't the only superhero orphan, however. The death of Bruce Wayne's parents at the hand of the Joker prompted him to become the Caped Crusader. "You made me," he grumbles to the parent's killer in Batman.

Finally, Peter Parker's parents were Richard and Mary, CIA agents killed in the line of duty.

Rumour has it they will appear in the 2012 reboot, The Amazing Spider-Man, played by Campbell Scott and Embeth Davidtz.

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▶ Asa Butterfield, left, plays Hugo Cabret and Chloë Grace Moretz plays Isabelle in Hugo.

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Scene in brief



Leonard Cohen will usher in the new year with a CD of Old Ideas. The 77-year-old Montreal songwriter will release his first album in more than seven years on Jan. 31. Old Ideas will consist of 10 tracks that "poetically address some of the most profound quandaries of human existence," according to a release from Cohen's label.

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Britain wins five International Emmys; Eccleston, Walters take acting honours.



Movie reviews

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The Muppets
Genre: Comedy/Musical
Director: James Bobin
Stars: Amy Adams, Jason Segel and Chris Cooper

There may have been better films released in 2011, but this critic is hard pressed to think of a better movie than The Muppets, writer/star Jason Segel and director James Bobbin's revamp of the beloved '70s TV series as well as the expanded big screen franchise that followed. It's ferociously funny and far out. Filled with catchy pop songs and subversive gags,



The Muppets works as both a nostalgia piece for parents and a wild romp for kids. CHRIS ALEXANDER

Arthur Christmas
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Director: Sarah Smith
Stars: James McAvoy, Hugh Laurie

Arthur Christmas not only answers the mystery of how Santa Claus delivers billions of presents in one night but it shows how



the now high-tech computer-operated system is flawed.

When one girl doesn't get her gift, Santa's inept son (McAvoy) sets off to ensure Christmas isn't ruined.

For all its familiar themes, Arthur delivers enough clever laughs and eye-popping scenery to entertain kiddies hungry for holiday fare.

STEVE GOW

Hugo
Genre: Adventure/Drama
Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz and Christopher Lee

Set in 1930s Paris, the new Martin Scorsese film is a sophisticated kid's movie about an orphan obsessed with repairing an automaton left behind by his father.

There is a sense of wonder imprinted on every frame.

RICHARD CROUSE



Movie. Screen times.

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The Muppets (STC) Digital, Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:55-4:30-7:55-10:30

PARK LANE
Arthur Christmas 3D (STC) Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:55-7:10-9:35
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The Muppets (STC) Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 3:45-7-9:40

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The Muppets (STC) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 6:45-9:25

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Hugo 3D (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 1:05-4-7:20-10:10
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The Muppets (STC) Stadium Seating, Digital Wed-Thu 6:45-9:05

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Let's all go to the bar

Deer Tick's Divine Providence is anything but preachy Check out their fun-loving album

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Deer Tick calls their new album Divine Providence, which at first seems like a sweet homage to the group's beginnings in Rhode Island's capital city. But as with most things related to this band, the truth is uglier, ruder and much more rock 'n' roll.

"It actually came from a black metal song that we wrote," says singer John McCauley. "It had extremely anti-Christian lyrics, so we thought it'd be funny if we named that song Divine Providence."

They eventually scrapped the song, as it didn't fit the mood of their new album — which is mostly a rollicking good time, catering to classic rock fist-pumps as much as country rock swaying. Filled with titles like Let's All Go to the Bar, and lyrics like, "Johnny's got a bottle of wine, no one is gonna make it to work on time," they recall 1980s rock outcasts The Replacements.

"Oh yeah, we're big Replacements fans," says McCauley.

And like The Mats, there is a degree of longing and loneliness beneath the surface of the party proceedings too.

But Deer Tick is no throwback act. They are writing very much for these times.

The song Main Street, which they recently performed on Letterman, seems perfect for the age of 24-7 social networking, as McCauley asserts in a desperate rasp: "Miss one day and the whole world casts you out."

Divine Providence also has a sonic density that betrays its festive atmosphere. So in the studio, are Deer Tick focused or a mess?

"I'd say it's a little bit of both," says McCauley. "Or maybe one person would be really drunk and nobody else would. It all depended on what time of day you got to the studio."

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▶ Deer Tick performs at the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival 2010 held at the Empire Polo Club in California.

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▶ Anthony Gonzalez of M83

Getting lost on those interwebs

Conceptual double album? Musicians hardly get past an EP to make a single album these days, let alone a double (conceptual or otherwise) one. But M83's fall-released Hurry Up, We're Dreaming spreads Anthony Gonzalez's savvy dance pop over two discs, creating an epic landmark in the French artist's decade-long career.

"I'm lost, I don't know what to listen to these days. The Internet is going too fast for me," Gonzalez (a.k.a. M83) tells Metro. "People might get excited about a record, but 20 minutes later they are excited about another," he says, sounding like a child of the 1960s rather than the 1980s.

But the main motivation for the epic record, though, is that he felt the passage of time and childhood lost.

"The nostalgia of being a kid and now you're a grown up and everything is over, but knowing that you can connect to your past through memories is the beauty of this album."

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Brave Black Friday with this proven playlist

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Holiday carols through the speakers at the mall? Bah humbug! On Friday, make your own soundtrack and rock out with this playlist.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer — Culture

There's nothing wrong with getting into the spirit of the season, but do it on your own terms.

Sometimes, your own terms might mean this chill reggae version of a classic, so you don't feel like it's something you've already heard a million times.

Oh No — Girl Talk

This mashup has the colossal layering of personalities that the shopping experience offers. Plus it combines Black Sabbath power chords with Ludacris, saying "Move b—, get out the way."

Black Friday

Hot off the presses

▶ **Metro** Be sure to pick up tomorrow's edition of Metro for your primer to Black Friday

Pretty Boy Swag — Soulja Boy Tell'em

Speaking of "get out the way," you might want to make this one your anthem too, and say "pretty boy comin' through."

Bittersweet Symphony — The Verve

Ever see the video for this one? Singer Richard Ashcroft is just walking through the crowded street, banging into everybody else, totally oblivious that they're there because his song is so pretty. This tune will make you be that guy as you steamroll through the mall.

Albatross — Fleetwood Mac

You'll definitely need a few zen moments with your headphones as you brave the shopping. This wordless tune by an early incarnation of Fleetwood Mac is a great start. If this instrumental gives you that crucial inner peace, also try R.E.M.'s New Orleans Instrumental, and Yo La Tengo's Return to Hot Chicken.

THE ROOTS AIR THEIR FEELINGS

THE WORD

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On Monday night's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon the band picked some inflammatory music for featured guest (and Republican presidential candidate) Michele Bachmann to walk into.

The song they picked? Lyin' Ass B— by Fishbone.

And it wasn't a slip-up. Questlove even told fans and followers to pay attention via Twitter: "aight late night walkon song devotees: you love it when we snark: this next one takes the cake. Ask around cause I aint tweeting the title," he wrote. Then he even took it a step further by tweeting a link to the album and making fans guess which song they picked.

As Spin points out, The Roots often use songs to express their feelings. Two notable examples are playing Milli Vanilli when notorious lip-syncer Ashlee Simpson came on the show and introducing Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt with Beck's Loser.

Both of those were tongue and cheek — and directed to fixtures of popular culture. This is a presidential candidate, congresswoman, and a foster parent to more than 23 children.

No matter what you think of Bachmann's political views, it's offensive that a house band would sneakily suggest a woman is a "b—" on national television.

If Fishbone only had come up with a ska song entitled: You Have Different Political Views Than Me — Many of Which I Find Utterly Misguided and Wrongheaded — But We Live in a Country Where We Are Allowed to Have Different Beliefs and So We Will Just Agree to Disagree. Also, It is Not Polite to Call a Woman a 'B—'…. Fallon and The Roots would not find themselves in this pickle. And it will be a pickle. A huge, massive pickle.

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▶ Bachmann on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.



Clooney's gal dishes on Twitter



▶ Clooney

Stacy Keibler can't stop gushing about her Hollywood boyfriend, George Clooney, saying they are "in love" via Twitter.

"You know it's love when your boyfriend has elbow surgery two days ago and takes you to a Ravens game," Keibler posted.

"Especially when he's a Bengals fan."

Clooney and Keibler were spotted at the game recently, with Clooney's arm in an elaborate sling. Keibler is a former Ravens cheerleader.

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Katy breaking for some baby-making time?

- **Speculation builds that Katy and Russell Brand are on baby track**
- **Singer denies growing gossip**

Katy Perry's recent decision to take some time off after her current tour to "work on family" naturally led some to speculate that the singer and comedian husband Russell Brand are already expecting, but Perry insists that's not the case.

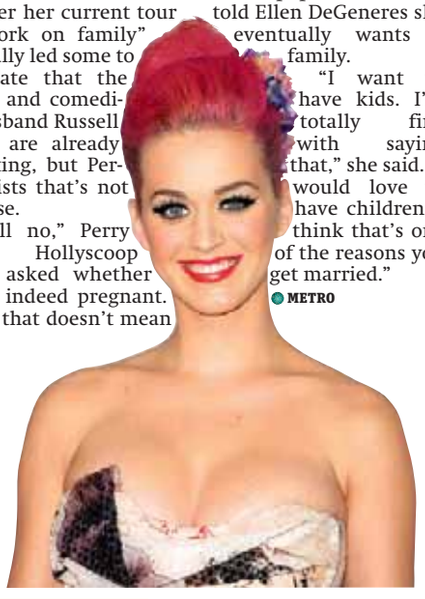
"Hell no," Perry tells Hollyscoop when asked whether she is indeed pregnant.

But that doesn't mean she's opposed to the idea.

The pop star recently told Ellen DeGeneres she eventually wants a family.

"I want to have kids. I'm totally fine with saying that," she said. "I would love to have children. I think that's one of the reasons you get married."

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Celebrity tweets

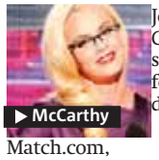
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Released frm Jury Duty. Wonderful seeing so many willing to serve.

@LisaLampanelli
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@SteveMartinToGo
Need my turkey sprayed with pepper. Whom can I turn to?

@MillaJovovich
Aaaah!! Explosions, panic n general mayhem! Its good 2 b back at "camp evil"!

Jenny McCarthy looks for love in cyberspace



▶ McCarthy

Jenny McCarthy has signed up for online dating site Match.com, reports Hollyscoop.

"I have checked the guys I like between 35 to 48," she says of her foray into Internet dating.

The motivation, says McCarthy, is a lack of masculinity in Los Angeles. "There's no real 'guy guys,' so maybe importing from somewhere will be smart," she says.

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Great winter escapes

With winter comes thoughts of escape Here, five ideas from guidebook publisher Frommer's

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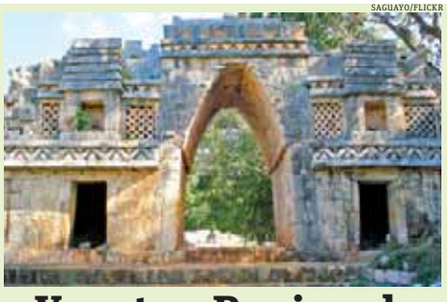


Top beach destination? Hawaii

Kauai, Hawaii

On the island's north shore, three-kilometre-long Hanalei Bay is Frommer's choice for top beach destination for 2012. Volcanic cliffs and 300-metre waterfalls form the backdrop.

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Yucatan Peninsula

The safest region in Mexico, according to Frommer's. Go for the beaches, the food and the Mayan sites. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Roatan, Honduras

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Snorkelling in Roatan

Santiago, Chile

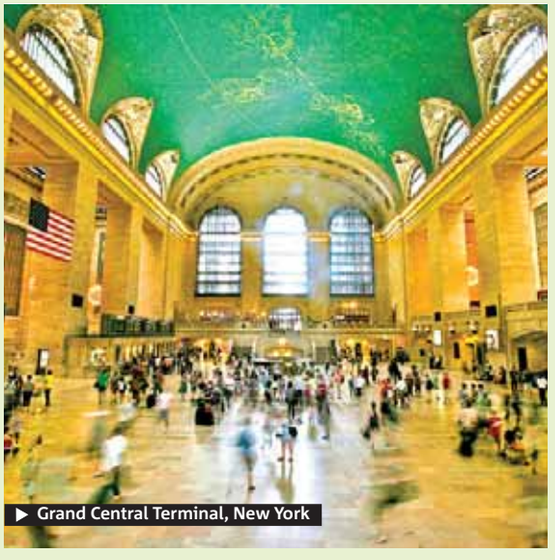
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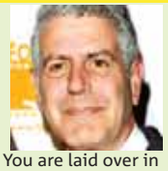
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Grand Central Terminal, New York

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Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 can (150 g) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter
- 1 pkg (360 g) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 jar (210 g) marshmallow crème
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1 cup (250 mL) slivered almonds, toasted
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) dried Bing cherries, chopped
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) whole blanched almonds toasted, for garnish (optional)

Preparation:

1. Butter 9-inch (2 L) square baking pan; set aside.
2. In 3-quart (2.8 L) saucepan over medium-high heat, stir sugar, milk and butter until butter melts and mixture comes to a full boil. Continue to cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Remove from heat; gradually mix in chocolate chips until melted, then stir in marshmallow crème until melted and thoroughly blended. Mix in vanilla, slivered almonds and cherries to distribute evenly.
4. With a rubber spatula, scrape into buttered pan and smooth the top. Decorate with whole almonds, spacing apart and pressing in lightly, so that fudge can be cut into squares between almonds. Allow to set in cool place for 2 to 3 hours.
5. Cut fudge into squares; arrange and cover with plastic wrap in gift packages, or place on serving dish. To store, wrap and refrigerate up to 1 week. Bring to room temperature before serving.

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To serve, pour cold sparkling water over the orange slice. Serve the cocktail with a straw and ask your guest to push on the orange slice to mix the drink.
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I recently graduated from York University with a BA (Honours) in communications studies. I participated in many internships throughout my university career, had numerous part-time jobs, and I excelled academically.

I thought that finding a job when I graduated would be incredibly easy, since I was so motivated and enthusiastic about joining the workforce. But little did I know that this would not be the case.

I was eager to find a position in the field of communications and public relations in order to see if this type of work was right for me. Checking job boards was one of my daily activities.

I applied and kept track of every resumé and cover letter I sent in — and it totalled over 90 in the span of five months. After only hearing back from six or seven, I was discouraged, furious, and upset with myself. I just had to find another way.

I found the best way to look for work was networking. I made use of all the resources and connections I had because I realized that you never know who might know of someone who is looking for someone.

I also found it helpful to go on informational interviews, which is calling or e-mailing someone from a company you would like to work for and asking if they would be willing to meet with you briefly.

You would be surprised to see how many professionals are willing to help out recent grads.

Feel free to ask them anything about their line of work, working at that company even ask if they can take a look at your resumé.

Sometimes they will take it with them and keep it on file.

My advice to recent graduates is to never feel discouraged. Finding a job is very time-consuming, and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication.

If the search seems to be never-ending, don't give up. I know it sounds a little corny, but it's true.

Tap into all the resources you can use: TalentEgg, LinkedIn, Facebook, friends, family, newspapers, networking events, and don't be afraid to put yourself out there.

Let employers see your enthusiasm, passion, hard-work ethic, and motivation.

After months on the job hunt, I was finally offered a position at a great organization.

My recommendation for employers is to be more open-minded. A lot of job postings require a number of years worth of work experience in that field. When you are a recent graduate looking for a job, this qualification seems very daunting.

You will be surprised to find how many capable, dedicated, and enthusiastic applicants would be a great fit for the job.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Naomi's experience.

- Don't get discouraged or give up your job search.
- Meet and connect with as many people as you can — you never know who could help you get a job.
- Find ways to show employers that you are both qualified for the job and passionate about the industry you want to work in.



▶ Naomi Elmaleh kept her head high during the hunt and now she's got plenty to smile about.

Where Naomi is now

I am currently the director of communications and student programming at a supplementary school in Toronto.

I am very happy with my position and the organization I work for and I know that my time here will be very rewarding. I do hope to return to school to complete a post-graduate certificate in public relations and communications, as well as to continue my work in the non-profit sector in Toronto.

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Mooseheads injury report

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Martin Frk is one of five Mooseheads either with a concussion or undergoing tests to determine whether he has a concussion. Head coach Dominique Ducharme provides the latest on each.

1 **Steve Gillard:** The stalwart defender missed 13 games with a concussion earlier this year before returning last weekend. He ended up out of the lineup again on Sunday. "It's not close to what he had before," Ducharme said. "If he's not playing this weekend, it should be the week after."

2 **Darcy Ashley:** The high-scoring right-winger sat out two games after taking a late-game hit on Friday. "He could be back this weekend," Ducharme said. "We just have to see how he does this week."

3 **Anthony Terenzio**: The 18-year-old goalie has been out since Oct. 21 and has started light workouts. "Maybe next week (he can return to practice) if everything is OK with him," Ducharme said.

4 **Trey Lewis:** He'll be evaluated today to determine whether he has a concussion or a neck injury. "He might not be playing on Thursday, but he could be back on the weekend," Ducharme said.

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▶ Mooseheads star Martin Frk is on the mend.

No setbacks so far in Frk's recovery

Star right-winger gets good news as other injuries start to pile up throughout Mooseheads roster



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There's finally "light at the end of the tunnel" for Martin Frk.

The Halifax Mooseheads star right-winger, out all season with a concussion, has received medical clearance to skate and work out without limits on how much he exerts himself. If that doesn't lead to any setbacks, Frk could be cleared for contact as early as next week.

The 18-year-old has already been skating for more than a week without any problems and his office workouts have been getting more and more rigorous as he attempts to get back into game shape.

"If everything goes perfectly, maybe in two weeks, or three weeks, he could play," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme, who is understandably unwilling to make any promises. "It's hard to say. At least we're seeing light at the end of the tunnel."

Despite the season-long injury, Central Scouting recently ranked Frk second among QMJHL prospects for the 2012 NHL draft. The six-foot, 198-pound Czech was fourth among QMJHL rookies in scoring last season with 22 goals and 28 assists for 50 points in 62 games.

He had four goals and two assists in just three pre-season games and showed improvement in his work ethic and two-way play.

Ducharme said Frk's up-and-down recovery has never been this far along.

"No, not even close," Ducharme said. "It's a big change in the past week. The last couple of weeks he's been really speeding up."

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Montreal has Jazic to consider

Ante Jazic could become one of the first members of the Montreal Impact, Major League Soccer's newest expansion team.

The veteran defender from Bedford has been left unprotected for today's expansion draft by Chivas USA, his team for the past three seasons. The Impact will select one player per team up to a maximum of 10 overall.

Teams were allowed to protect just 11 players.

The 35-year-old Jazic, a longtime national-team member who represented Canada in World Cup qualification this year, has appeared in 104 MLS games in six seasons. He also played for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

Montreal is set to become MLS's 19th franchise and third in Canada, joining Toronto FC and Vancouver Whitecaps FC.

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Pens send Picard back to AHL

The Pittsburgh Penguins reassigned former Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Alexandre Picard to the AHL yesterday. The 26-year-old Picard appeared in six games during his NHL stint, averaging more than 12 minutes per game with a plus-5. He reports to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, where he has three assists in nine games.

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"Mike is a professional and he coaches like a professional. The organization, what they're doing, they have a bunch of young guys and they are still learning the game. The coach in Halifax, nothing personal, is European and my game didn't fit. I have a professional game and he's more like a college coach."

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Baseball signs CBA early

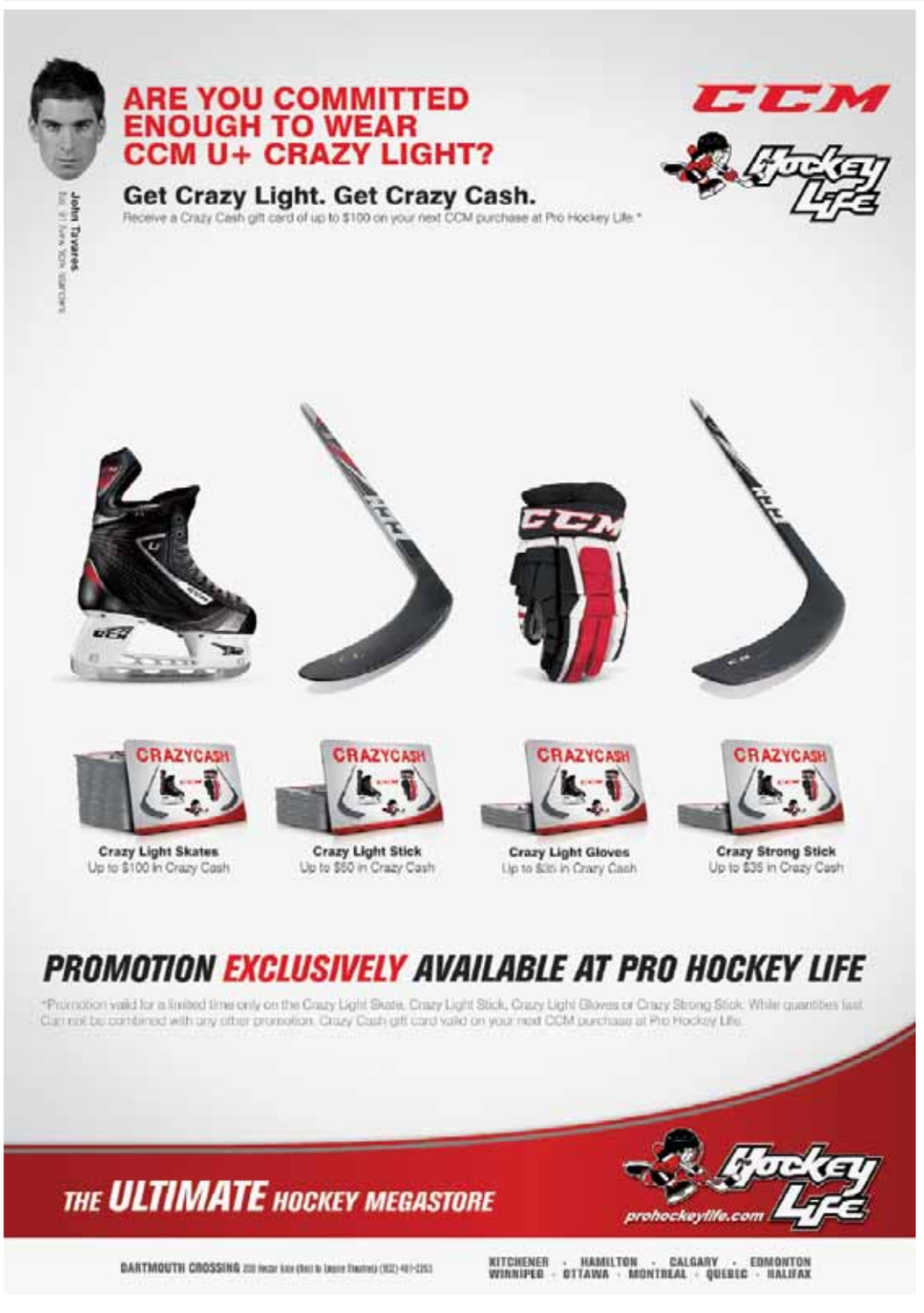
Baseball commissioner Bud Selig and union head Michael Weiner smiled and exchanged handshakes while others in the room dug into knishes and pigs in a blanket as baseball ensured itself of 21 consecutive years of peace at a time the NBA season might be cancelled because of a lockout and the NFL still is recovering from its CBA negotiations.

Players and owners signed an agreement for a five-year contract running until December 2016 yesterday.

The agreement makes MLB the first pro major league in North America to conduct blood tests for human growth hormone, allowing it during spring training and off-seasons.

The deal, which must be ratified and drafted into a formal contract, expands the playoffs from eight to 10 teams by 2013, lessens draft-pick compensation for free agents, expands salary arbitration by a few players and for the first time allows teams to trade some draft selections.

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▶ Sidney Crosby passes Pittsburgh head coach Dan Bylsma during a morning skate on Monday.

Sid says return just the beginning

Crosby has big plans for his Pens after extended injury layoff

After making a spectacular four-point splash in his comeback game, a healthy Sidney Crosby has no plans to lower his goals.

The Penguins captain issued a warning yesterday to those tempted to dismiss his eye-popping performance in a 5-0 win over the New York Islanders as the byproduct of pent-up emotion, electric atmosphere and inferior opponent.

While the crowd of reporters around him was thinned considerably from 12 hours before, Crosby said he intends to get back to playing like he did last season. Before being sidelined with a concussion, with 32 goals and 66 points in 41 games, Crosby was on pace for the NHL's highest-scoring season since the mid-1990s.

"You look for ways to be motivated," Crosby said. "Sometimes they just kind of happen. For me, after going through this, I want to get back to where I was last season."

He added, "I know it's going to take some time."

Crosby finally appears to have health on his side. He joined his teammates in a spirited hour-long practice yesterday morning, with his legs, his lungs and — most importantly — his head feeling just fine after his first game in 320 days. Crosby is so convinced his concussion problems are behind him, he has no trips to his doctors currently scheduled.

"It would be great, but I don't think it's possible, so it's not even something that is on my radar, to be honest with you."

SIDNEY CROSBY ON CATCHING NHL POINTS LEADER PHIL KESSEL. CROSBY TRAILS BY 26 POINTS AFTER LAST NIGHT

When he left the lineup last season following hard hits to the head in successive games Jan. 1 and 5, Crosby had just ended a 25-game scoring streak and a December in which he scored 14 goals in 13 games.

Now that he's back, Crosby also will be driven by the Penguins' unspoken desire to be the NHL's best team.

"Winning is always the constant motivating force," Crosby said.

Even if, for one night, the motivation appeared to be proving to the league that a 61-game layoff wasn't enough to diminish the skills of hockey's biggest star.

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Engine

Under the hood is an inline six-cylinder engine that delivers 325 horsepower and 345 pound-feet of torque. That's up 25 horsepower over the S60's standard six-cylinder turbo engine, which was the only engine available for the 2011 model year.

Also joining the lineup for 2012 is a new T5 base model with a 250-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder turbo engine. Unlike the 3.0, which is mated to an all-wheel-drive system, the 2.5 comes only as a front-wheel-driver.

0-to-100 km/h

According to Volvo, the R-Design will achieve a zero-to-100 km/h time in about 5.5 seconds, quicker by 0.3 than the now mid-range S60 T6. By comparison, the 333-horsepower Audi S4 is about a half-second quicker still, if that helps put things in perspective.

A six-speed "Geartronic" automatic transmission directs the power to the front (T5) or all four wheels, which is the case with both T6 models.

Fashion statement

The easiest way to tell the T6 AWD R-Design from the rest of the line is by its blacked-out grille, lower chin spoiler and rear lower-body diffuser that's sandwiched between the twin exhaust pipes. A set of 18-inch "Ixion" alloy wheels makes a unique fashion statement.

The only R-Design logo you'll find is located in the grille area, which is a very subtle and elegant touch.



▶ The R-Design is largely a styling package with an additional 25 horsepower and some matching suspension tuning. The brakes are the same size as what you'll find on the lesser T6-AWD. The R-Design lists at $51,400, which is about $4,850 more than a T6 and more than $12,000 above the price of the base S60.

Safe, practical, and a little wild

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It's always an internal struggle when your heart screams "sports car" but your head, along with the pleadings of significant others, requires something more practical.

Fortunately, Volvo offers a pleasant way to satisfy both sides of your nerve-wracked conscience with the 2012 S60 R-Design.

The S60 demonstrated added style mixed with Swedish sensibility when it was launched for the 2011 model year.

At that time, Volvo announced that a more basic S60 would follow.

It has delivered on that promise, but in a surprise move, the automaker is also marketing a more aggressive-looking — and acting — performance version.

The T6 AWD R-Design is an extension of the same car that has gone further than just about any previous Volvo model since the 1960s P1800 coupe at removing Volvo's boxy stigma.

For the R-Design, the front and rear end have been remodelled while leaving the surrounding sheetmetal mostly untouched.

The R-Design adds a more muscular dimension to what is one of Volvo's more popular models.

It's also one that can satisfy both the heart and the head of just about any driver.



▶ We've always liked the storage spot behind the centre-stack controls, but you have to work by feel rather than by sight when you're digging around for stuff.



▶ The R-Design interior is very similar to the T6 AWD, save for more bolstering for the front seats, more padding for the steering wheel and unique-look gear selector.

S60 R-Design



What you should know about the 2012 Volvo S60 T6 AWD R-Design:

- **Types:** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.0-litre DOHC I6, turbocharged (325).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls.
- **Market position:** The S60 stacks up against the Audi Quattro plus other foreign- and domestic-based near-luxury sedans that offer a wide assortment of high-tech comfort and safety features in addition to all-wheel-drive.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 11.3/7.7.

drive

By comparison

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The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show is a meeting of buyers and sellers of aftermarket auto parts and accessories from around the globe. Together, they determine what you'll find on store shelves until the next SEMA show arrives in November of 2012 to begin the process all over again.

Everything automotive is on the table, from shiny trim parts and running boards to reproduction 1965 Mustang bodies and diamond-studded wheels worth a quarter-million each.

Just the brand new parts alone number about 2,000 and what better way to show those parts than to have hundreds of show vehicles wearing them.

Members of the press get to crash this party, which takes place in and around the 3.2-million-square-foot Las Vegas convention Center, while the public is left to wonder what the fuss is all about.

Well, this is what the fuss is all about.

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▶ What better way to show off parts and accessories than to bring along show cars that they look good on. SEMA, quite literally, has thousands of them.

Hottest trends

Larger (up to 30 inches in diameter, in some cases) and fancier wheels continue to dominate SEMA. Black-finished wheels remain popular, but chrome and polished aluminum pieces remain in vogue.

Also taking root are matte-finish paint schemes that lack any gloss.

Mercedes-Benz, BMW and other high-end vehicles even charge extra for this primer-paint effect.

Related to this movement are hot rods and older collector cars that have been deliberately left in their natural "barn find" patina, instead of being restored to better-than-new condition. The automotive coatings industry can't be all that crazy about this movement and is likely hoping it never really catches on.

But perhaps the most significant trend of all is the growth in retro-styled bodies.

You can now build fairly exact replicas of first-generation Mustang and Camaros, along with 1955-'57 Chevrolets and 1940s-era Ford and Lincoln coupes.

One company even makes a very cool reproduction of a Corvette Nomad concept that was the hit of General Motors' 1954 Motorama show.

Automobile manufacturer displays

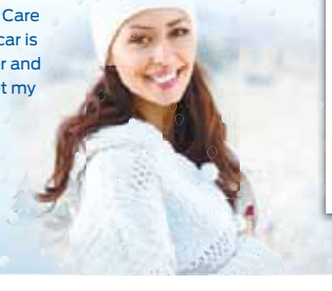
Automakers are increasingly embracing the SEMA show as a venue to demonstrate how their latest models can be modified with aftermarket performance parts, high-tech accessories and trick colour schemes. Some even use this event to launch their upcoming latest and greatest models, knowing that the press will provide them with millions of dollars worth of publicity for free.

This year, GM, in celebration of Chevrolet's 100th anniversary, featured its new Sonic small car in various tricked-out guises, along with two interesting versions of the Chevrolet Camaro: a retro-influenced COPO (Central Office Purchase Order) drag racer available later in 2012; and a full-scale Hot Wheels concept painted and decorated like Mattel's popular toy car.

On the other hand, the usually spectacular Chrysler/Mopar display really fell flat this year, with very little in the way of substantive content and only a smattering of heritage models.

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Chrysler 300 loved for affordable luxury

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The latest Chrysler 300 left a huge mark on the market with handsome and classical styling when it hit Canadian roads some years ago — and it's been selling strong ever since.

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2005 to 2010 Chrysler 300



Engines

Standard was a 3.5-litre V-6 with 250 horsepower. A 5.7-litre HEMI V-8 could be fitted with 340 horsepower. That figure climbed slightly towards the end of the generation. All-wheel drive was available with either engine.

What owners like

The 300's styling, available V-8 power, honest pricing and comfort levels attracted many shoppers to showrooms — while a plush ride, easy-to-use cabin and overall value sealed the deal.

What owners dislike

Common gripes included slippery handling on snow and ice (proper tires will help a lot here), sub-par gas mileage with either engine, and limited visibility.

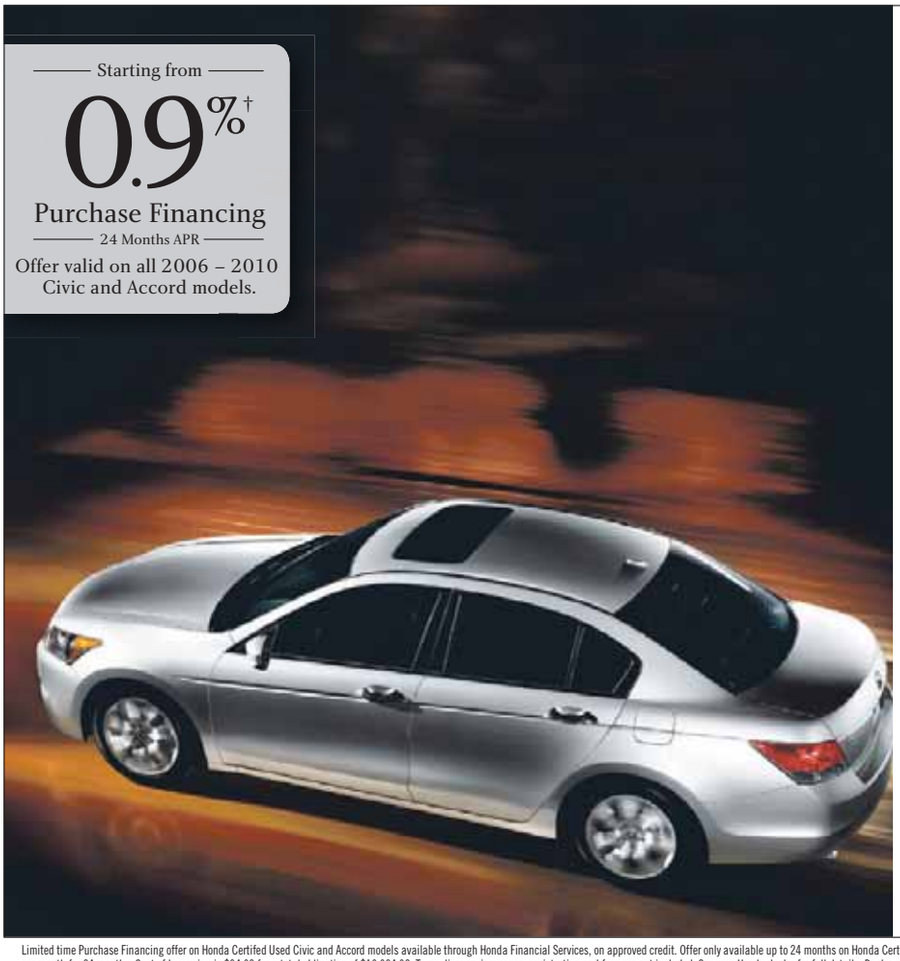
Common issues

Powertrain problems are more likely to be electronics-related than mechanical in nature. Ensure no warning lights are illuminated, the engine runs smoothly, and all instruments work as expected. A "scan" of the 300's computer system is also suggested ahead of your purchase.

Have the underside of your potential used 300 checked for leaks, especially around the transmission and transfer case (if equipped with AWD).

Verdict

At the end of the day, lower-than-average resale values, high-class styling and available HEMI performance should make the Chrysler 300 a popular choice with budget-minded performance and luxury enthusiasts.



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Winter driving

Mauro Convertini, insurance expert at Aviva Canada, offers these winter driving and safety tips:

- Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you in case you have to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.
- Get your vehicle winter-ready with a maintenance check-up.
- Make sure you have sufficient windshield washer fluid in the reservoir and keep an extra jug in the vehicle.
- Clear snow and ice from all windows, lights, mirrors, and the roof.
- Install winter tires before winter begins. Winter tires are often not available later in the season. If re-using tires check them to see if it is time to replace them.
- Remember to check tire air pressure frequently, as it decreases in cold weather.
- Prepare a winter survival kit for your vehicle. Having essential supplies can provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers should you become stranded.

Snow: Are you and your car ready?

Canadian winters are challenging, to say the least — especially if you're a motorist.

Weather conditions can only be described as unpredictable in this country, placing extra demands on our vehicles and driving skills.

With the first of probably many snowstorms about to blow through Halifax today, these simple tips will help Canadian motorists prepare for the months of often hazardous conditions that lie ahead.

"The first step in safe winter driving is to give yourself more time and slow down," says Mauro Convertini, insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "Most winter collisions occur when drivers do not allow for enough time or distance to brake effectively."

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What kind of winter driver are you?

Canada is the second largest country in the world, so being able to drive is essential But not everyone drives the same way What kind of driver are you?

Canadian winter driving brings particular challenges that often magnify these differences. On the ice and snow, cautious drivers can become almost paralyzed with indecision, and confident drivers can become reckless.

Michelin recently conducted a survey to find out more about the different drivers on Canadian roads. Canuck drivers can be broken down into five different types, each needing specific help when it comes to tackling winter roads in Canada.

Here are some customized pointers from the Michelin Winter Driving Academy for three types of drivers you'll find on the road this winter:.

Worrywarts

These people lack confidence at the wheel and worry they are surrounded by drivers who are less cautious than they are. Worrywarts can sometimes get paralyzed and stop in the middle of an ice-covered hill, or incline. Stopping in such a situation is never advisable as you may not have traction to begin moving again. Smooth, steady pressure on the gas to maintain forward motion is the key to conquering slippery inclines.

Daredevils

You love a thrill at the wheel, and they don't believe that speeding causes accidents. They love their cars and generally look after them with care. Similarly, the Fast and Confident aren't afraid to drive fast, but they also like feeling in control when at the wheel. They are not intimidated by winter driving, because they rarely get stressed at the wheel. Both of these types of drivers should remember in the winter to significantly increase their following distance and anticipate longer distance for braking to avoid losing control and causing an accident.

Aficionados

You will find these people love the automotive world and understand the characteristics of different cars. These drivers are aware that most cars today have up to three different electronic-control systems that assist in maintaining traction and control. What they may not know is that features like a Traction Control System work by analyzing the traction that each tire has with the road, so the effectiveness of these systems is directly related to the quality and traction of the tire. By no means are these systems meant to make up for the difference between all season and winter tires.

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▶ Drivers of all stripes need to be prepared for what a Canadian winter can throw at them.

What you need

Cautious pragmatists may be some of the best winter drivers. They consider cars first and foremost as a method of transportation, a way to get from point A to point B. They are cautious at the wheel and follow the recommendations of their car manufacturer or mechanic for maintenance.
These drivers will always ensure they have a fully-prepared car with these essential pieces of equipment for the winter:

- Four winter tires
- A shovel
- A tire gauge, jack and fully inflated spare
- Gravel, salt or a small piece of carpet
- Non-perishable food
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Survey shows many Canadian drivers still don't install winter tires on their vehicles Experts say all-season tires just don't stand up to our winters

Feel that cold air? It won't be long now until we're all dealing with sub-zero temperatures and wind chill that takes your breath away.

While we can all agree that the prospect of winter can be pretty miserable, being prepared and taking the necessary precautions in advance of the ice and snow is ideal.

And one of the best ways of doing this is by switching to winter tires.

But according to recent Canadian Tire survey, a majority of drivers across Canada choose not to install winter tires, mistakenly believing that all-season tires offer adequate safety.

The evidence says otherwise.

In winter-condition tests, Transport Canada and the Rubber Association of Canada found that stopping was 30 to 40 per cent longer with all-season compared to winter tires.

In cornering, vehicles with all-season tires went off the testing track at speeds of only 40 to 50 km/h, while the vehicles equipped with winter tires had no problem. The results were consistent with front-, rear- and all-wheel vehicles.

The experts from Desjardins General Insurance (DGI) agree that winter tires are designed to save lives.

"What's interesting is that many people who live in snow-belt regions across the country recognize the need for them," said DGI spokesperson Joe Daly.

"But some drivers in urban regions don't see the need to switch. The fact is we've all experienced those icy mornings when you're rushing to work or school and the salt trucks just haven't made it to your neighbourhood yet. These conditions are much more dangerous than just plain snow and having the right tires can keep every one safe."

The reason why these tires are the most effective at preventing accidents is because they have deeper, specially-designed treads and are made of innovative rubber compounds that are softer and more pliant.

This allows them to perform better on ice, snow and slush, but also in both dry and wet conditions when the temperature dips below 7C.

Daly also suggests that it's also important to keep an eye on your tires' air pressure.

"Overnight temperatures can drop from 5° to –15° and this rapid reduction can zap the air out of you tires by as much as four psi. An under-inflated tire can be quite dangerous, so it's important to keep tracking your tire pressure."

Having a safe winter is a great reason to equip your car with the best tires.

Transport Canada suggests that "winter tires marked with the pictograph of a peaked mountain with a snowflake meet specific snow traction performance requirements, and have been designed specifically for use in winter conditions."

Another incentive is that some insurance companies like DGI will reward their clients who use winter tires with a discount on their auto insurance. **NEWS CANADA**

Hot tips for getting the most out of your vehicle in the cold weather

You love your car and want it to look and perform at its best, but Canadian winters can create challenges for keeping it in top shape

Here are a few tips to safeguard your vehicle from the rough weather

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▶ Are you ready for winter?

Inspection/ Maintenance

Routine maintenance is a must for vehicle longevity, but before any long journey in the cold weather, it's even more important to have your vehicle inspected by a professional mechanic. Brake pads, tires, belts and hoses should be inspected for wear and proper operation, and fluids should be checked and topped off.

Tire Swap

Snow tires have deeper grooves that provide significantly more traction than all season tires, making them capable of stopping your car faster than all-season tires. In addition, the colder weather and rolling resistance caused by snow and slush can decrease air pressure in tires. After you switch to your winter tires, ensure that the pressure is optimal, and re-check the pressure regularly, especially after a sharp drop in temperature. Each tire that is underinflated by 2 psi (14 kPa) causes a 1 per cent increase in fuel consumption.

High-Quality Gasoline

It's important to note that a 'high octane' number doesn't necessarily ensure the gasoline is 'high-quality'. "For vehicles whose manufacturers recommend or require the higher octane associated with a premium gasoline, ensuring you buy a high-quality fuel can make a difference. For example, Shell V-Power Premium Gasoline is designed to clean and protect your engine from performance-robbing gunk that lower quality gasolines can leave behind, providing maximum protection for optimum performance," explains Ken Mitchell, an engineer at Shell.

Cold Starts vs. Idling

You may believe that you're doing the best for your vehicle by allowing it to 'warm up' in the cold weather with a few minutes of idling. In fact, more than just the engine needs to be warmed up and this can only happen if the vehicle is moving. For an average vehicle, it takes about five kilometres of driving to warm up the engine as well as the wheel bearings, steering, suspension, transmission and tires. **NEWS CANADA**

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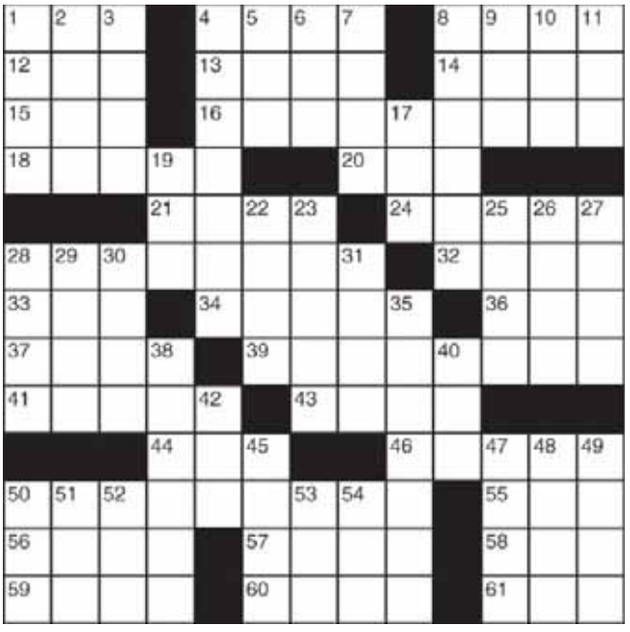
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Across

1 Pump up the volume
4 Poolroom supply
8 Vase-shaped jug
12 Maui souvenir
13 Frizzy hairstyle
14 Tragic
15 Proscribe
16 Gave a sermon
18 Seaweed, e.g.
20 Mr. Sajak
21 Amorphous mass
24 "La — Vita"
28 Additionally
32 Streamlet
33 Lawyers' org.
34 Big brass
36 Unruly bunch
37 Daughters' counterparts
39 Lien of a sort
41 Arrangement
43 Machu Picchu's place
44 Slithery squeezer
46 Civil War victors
50 Not merely embarrassed
55 Modern-day evidence
56 Disturb
57 Advan-tage
58 Freddy's street
59 Old woman's home?
60 Merino, e.g.
61 Nay opposer

Down

1 Actress Jessica
2 Repast
3 Engine knock
4 King Arthur's realm
5 E.T.'s craft
6 Blunder
7 Detergent
8 Film worker
9 Oz bigwig, for short
10 Prior to
11 Roulette bet
17 Young fellow
19 Census statistic
22 Egg
23 Jazz style
25 43-Across' capital
26 Stop up
27 North Sea feeder
28 Church service
29 Reed instrument
30 Carry on
31 Exceptional
35 Fruity pastry
38 Nuanced
40 Pistol
42 Luau side dish
45 Not many
47 Concept
48 Sans siblings
49 Appellation
50 "— Miniver"
51 Reaction to fireworks
52 Carnival city
53 Altar affirmative
54 Id counterpart

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

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	2	8	9					
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Yesterday's answer ▶

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may have to be ruthless with someone you have dealings with today, especially if they have been wasting your time on trivialities.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 If you start the week in a positive frame of mind you will find it easier to deal with what happens around the time of Friday's eclipse.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What the planets are trying to tell you is that you have been pushing yourself too hard.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Set your own targets and make your own rules.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Family affairs have been a bit difficult of late, but you will soon get the chance to put things right.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The approaching solar eclipse will make getting through to other people very easy indeed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Keep your spending to a minimum.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Strive to have fun.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You cannot be bothered with trivialities. It's the big questions that excite you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Reach out and make contact with someone who appears to be different.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. You will be under a lot of pressure today, but there is no doubt at all that you can handle it, so don't panic

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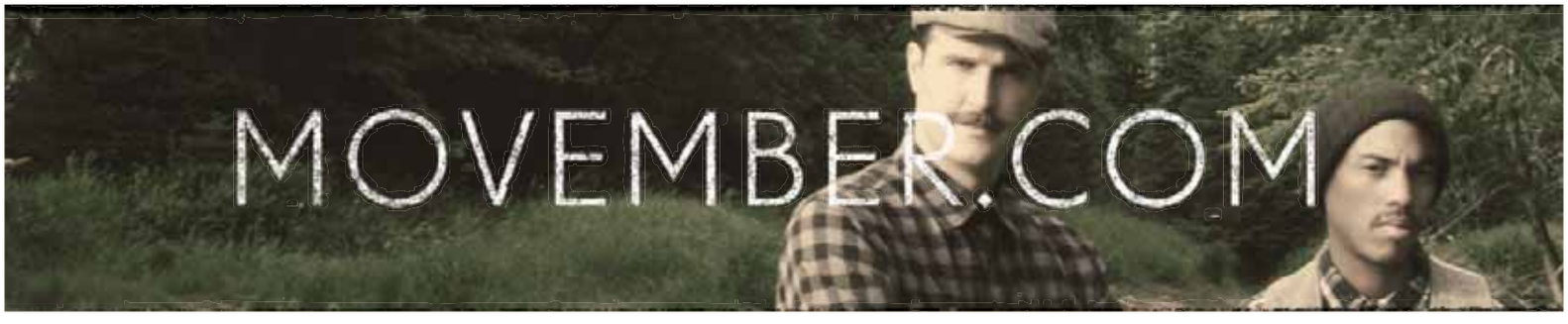
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